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PRODUCTION OF MICA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of mica in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 till date;

(b) the percentage of mica exported out of the total production during the last three years; and

(c) the total foreign exchange earned from its export during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (c): As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, the production of mica during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (upto Feb) is given below:-

(Quantity in Tonnes)

Item	1999-2000	2000-2001
Production		
Mica (crude)	1273	964
Mica(waste & scrap)	1039	879

The figures for production of mica in 2001-2002 is not available. Production estimates of mica are made by IBM on the basis of the information furnished by reporting mines. However, mica is also recovered from secondary sources and tailings, details of which are not maintained. The statistics on export of mica include export of mica in all forms. Hence it is not feasible to relate the percentage of mica exported and the total production of mica. However, as per information furnished by Department of Commerce in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the total foreign exchange earned from exports of mica in 1998-99 is Rs.7019 Lakhs, in1999-2000 is Rs.6354 Lakhs and in 2000-2001(upto October, 2000) is Rs.3653 lakhs.